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SUBJECT: USUN SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING WITH EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE
ISRAEL FROM UN HABITAT CONFERENCE

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TEHRAN 5861 (NOTAL), CAIRO 6193 (NOTAL),
CAIRO 6194 (NOTAL), USUN 3117 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION VIEWS EFFORTS AT ESCAP/ECWA AND ECA MEETINGS TO
EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM UN HABITAT CONFERENCE
AS HAVING DIRECT
IMPLICATIONS FOR POSSIBLE MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM 30TH GA.
US RESPONSE TO THIS THREAT IS BEING WATCHED BY ARABS AND NON-
ALIGNED HERE AS A PORTENT OF HOW US WOULD REACT TO MOVE TO
EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM UN.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT USG VIEWS SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO ALL,
STARTING PERHAPS WITH ECA GOVERNMENTS WHILE CHANCE REMAINS OF
INFLUENCING OUTCOME OF CAIRO CONFERENCE. US APPROACHES SHOULD IN
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OUR VIEW BE STRAIGHTFORWARD BUT NOT THREATENING, EMPHASIZING

DANGER TO UN AND THREAT TO ONGOING PEACE EFFORTS OF AN ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE ANY STATE FROM A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE FOR POLITICAL REASONS. IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, BELIEVE US SHOULD NOT EXPLICITLY LINK PRESENT SITUATION WITH POSSIBLE MOVE AGAINST ISRAEL AT NEXT GA, EXCEPT PERHAPS WITH FRIENDLIEST GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE CLOSER WE COORDINATE THESE DEMARCHES WITH EC NINE, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES, THE BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS THEY WILL HAVE. AS HOST COUNTRY, CANADA WOULD SEEM THE KEY. IN OUR OPINION, A REPRESENTATION IN OTTAWA AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WOULD BE WORTHWHILE, OUTLINING LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS OF THE PRESENT THREAT AND ATTEMPTING PERSUADE GOC

TO LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT WOULD NOT HOST CONFERENCE IF ISRAEL IS EXCLUDED.

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